



**MARATHON COUNTY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 am
Human Resources Conference Room, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau WI**

Members	Present	Absent
Judge Suzanne O’Neill (Chair)		X
Board Chair Kurt Gibbs (Vice Chair)	X	
County Administrator Lance Leonhard	X	
Chief Deputy Billeb	X	

Staff Present: Ruth Heinzl, Dana Buettner

1. Call Meeting to Order

Vice Chair Gibbs called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Public Comment (not to exceed 15 minutes) - None.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the December 21, 2023, CJCC Executive meeting

MOTION BY BILLEB; SECOND BY LEONHARD TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 21, 2023, EXECUTIVE CJCC MEETING MINUTES.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. Deflection/Diversion Program Updates

Discussion:

Ruth Heinzl and Dana Buettner from the District Attorney’s Office provide committee members with information and data relative to the operation of the DA-led Deflection Program since operation began in the fourth quarter of 2023. Ruth and Dana presented information regarding referrals, overdoses, wait times for service, and other service data for the fourth quarter of 2023 and the first quarter of 2024. Moreover, Ruth and Dana discussed summary demographic information for the population that they have served through the program during these same time periods. Staff explain that the referrals have been primary from Law Enforcement and overdose response, along with District Attorney initiated referrals; however, there is a push from the State of Wisconsin to expand pathways for referrals. Staff also explained the significant increase in referrals during the program and the corresponding increase in wait times. Questions are asked and answered, and discussion is had relative to the topic.

Follow up:

The Chair will consider requesting a formal presentation on the program at the next CJCC meeting. Ruth and Dana will be continuing to evaluate opportunities to reduce barriers to access and outreach to partners.

5. Policy Issues for Discussion and Possible Action - None

A. Discussion of Budget Preparation for 2024.

Discussion:

Administrator Leonhard explains that the bylaws for the CJCC call for the holding of System Budgeting meetings with representatives of the Justice System to allow stakeholders to provide insight to Administration in the development of the 2025 budget. Administrator Leonhard indicates that said meetings will be scheduled in the near future.

6. Operational functions required by bylaws, Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution -

A. Discussion of potential items for the May 16, 2024, Marathon County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Agenda, and potential recommendations for consideration.

Discussion:

Due to a lack of time, this item was not discussed.

7. Next Meeting Date & Time, Location, Announcements and Future Agenda Items:

A. Next meeting June 20, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., Human Resources Conference Room. Members asked to bring agenda ideas for future discussion.

8. Adjournment

MOTION BY BILLEB, SECOND BY LEONHARD TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:17 A.M. MOTION CARRIED.